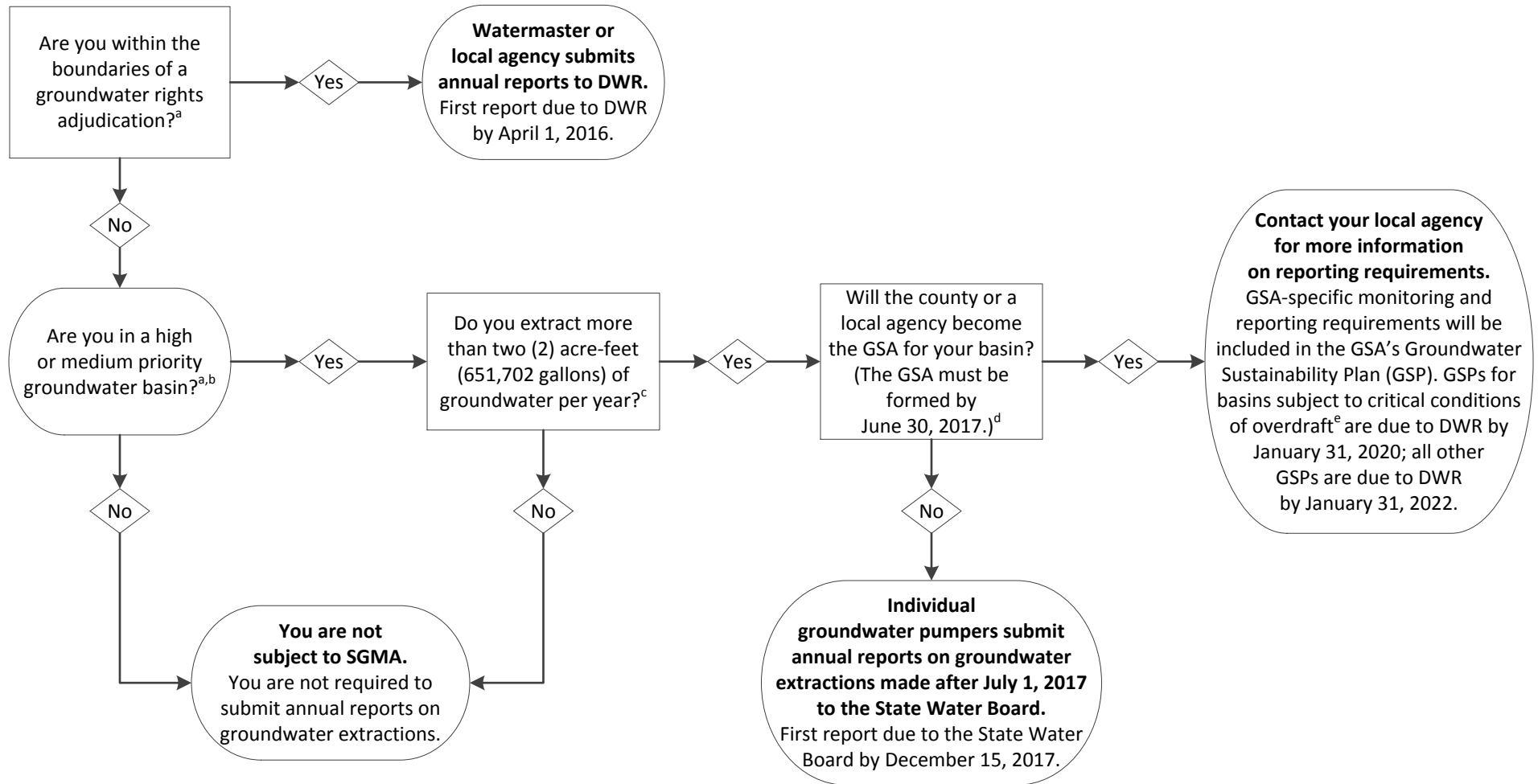


Do I Submit Annual Reports on Groundwater Extractions?

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) requires certain groundwater pumpers to submit annual reports on groundwater extraction to either the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) or the Department of Water Resources (DWR) (via a Groundwater Sustainability Agency [GSA] or watermaster). This flowchart is intended to provide guidance on (1) who is subject to the SGMA, (2) who is responsible for submitting reports, (3) which state agency the reports are submitted to, and (4) when the first report is due.



^a Don't know if you're in an area subject to a groundwater rights adjudication, or if you're in a high or medium priority groundwater basin? Use DWR's Groundwater Information Center Map Interface at <http://gis.water.ca.gov/app/groundwater/> to find out.

^b DWR's initial groundwater basin prioritization under the SGMA identified 43 groundwater basins or subbasins as high priority, 84 as medium priority, 27 as low priority, and the remaining 361 groundwater basins or subbasins as very low priority. The 127 basins and subbasins designated as high or medium priority include 96 percent of the state's annual groundwater use and 88 percent of the 2010 population overlying the groundwater basin area. More information on the prioritization process may be found at http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/SGM_BasinPriority.cfm.

^c An Olympic-sized swimming pool contains approximately two (2) acre-feet of water; the average person uses approximately 181 gallons of water each day (or 0.2 acre-feet per year).

^d Notifications of GSA formation submitted to DWR may be found at <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsa.cfm>.

^e A basin is in overdraft when the amount of groundwater pumped from the basin exceeds the amount of water recharging the basin over a period of time. DWR will identify basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft in 2017 with the release of the Bulletin 118-Interim Update.